

South Carolina Department of Agriculture

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Agricultural tour offered for Costa Rica

COLUMBIA, SC – For anyone interested in agriculture and agri-tourism, AgVentures is offering a nine-day agricultural tour of the Central American nation of Costa Rica.

The tour runs from February 26 through March 6, 2009 and gives a glimpse into the agricultural industry of the small nation bordered by the Caribbean and Pacific Oceans. Tours will include cacao and pineapple farms and other agricultural endeavors as well as a visit to a rain forest. Agriculture in Costa Rica makes up more than eight percent of its annual gross domestic product with agriculture.

The tour is limited to 35 people and costs \$4,519 for per person. The guided tour will cover a broad region of Costa Rica and the cost will cover roundtrip airfare, lodging, and all meals while in Costa Rica. The trip's cost may be tax deductible, but please consult with your tax preparer for details.

For more information about the Costa Rican tour or any upcoming AgVentures, please contact Roy Copelan at 803-479-4999.

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